



**FDA Office of Generic Drugs
Keynote Address**

Creating The Path to Success with GDUFA

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OUTLINE

- Preparing for Year 3 of GDUFA & goal dates
- What you are seeing with Year 3 submissions
- What you should expect to see with pre-Year 3 submissions

THANK YOU

- Your patience, feedback, & input during GDUFA implementation is greatly appreciated
- Many changes, challenges, alignment, etc. necessary to implement this historic program
- We recognize that this has been difficult, disruptive, and painful
- **GOAL** - New, sustainable initiatives designed to meet all GDUFA commitments (and more) with fairness across all applications, applicants
- **OUTCOME** – Affordable, quality medicines for the American public

Generic Program State

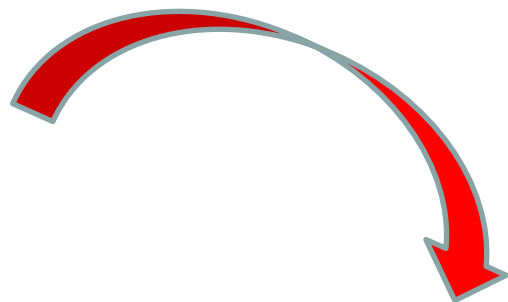
PAST

Increasing number of ANDAs
Tremendous backlog
Disjointed reviews
Fragmented discipline deficiencies

PRESENT

Revved up for GDUFA Goal Dates
Issuing Complete Response Letters
Aligning functions
Dunner Letters
Target Action Dates (TAD)
Real Time Communication (RTC)

Generic Program State



GDUFA Years 3, 4 & 5

Robust, formal Program with Significant Support
 Predictable
 Timely
 Less review cycles
 High Quality Reviews
 High Performing
 Highly Functional
 Makes all Commitments
 Highly Respected

MOVE THE FREIGHT...

Pre-Year 3 work:

Controls (~470)

ANDAs (~3,300)

PASs (~500)

Inspections

CBE 0/30 (~3,500)

PLUS non-goal date work:

CBE 0/30

Guidance requests

Pre-ANDA mtg requests



Data from Platform, 2/2/15

...while meeting GDUFA goal dates



Year 3 GOAL date work:

Controls

ANDAs

PASs

Post CR meetings

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Riding the Waves of GDUFA

OGD is an agile environment....
creating new processes, tools and training to
enable quicker response times



GDUFA Years 1 & 2 – BUILD THE PROGRAM

Deep, foundational restructuring to fulfill GDUFA commitments

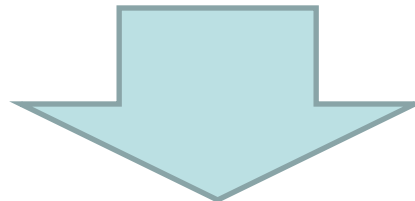
“Riding the Waves”

- Implementing a new program (GDUFA)
- Moved to White Oak
- Reorganized and became a Super Office
- New staffing infrastructure
- New IT platform
- New OPQ

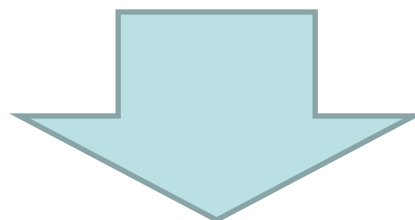
“Riding the Waves”

- More than expected submissions
 - Year 1 (FY13) = 968
 - Year 2 (FY14) = 1473
- Getting ready for incoming submissions with goal dates for the first time

GDUFA



**TRANSFORM THE PROGRAM
and
PERFORM WHILE TRANSFORM**



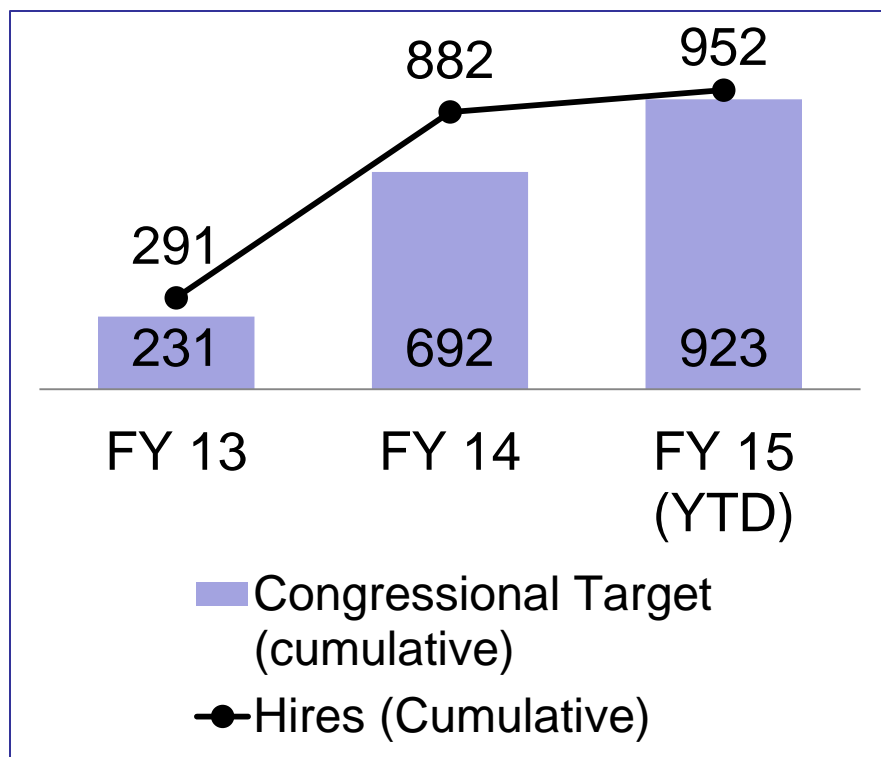
ENHANCING OUR QUALITY SYSTEM

SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTING GDUFA ...QUALITY SYSTEM

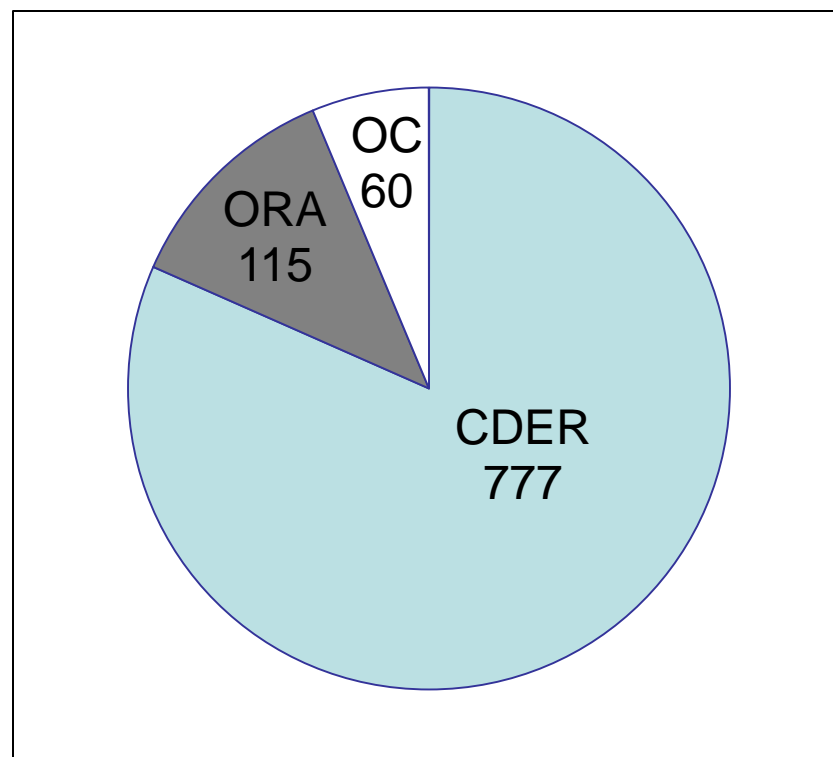
- Hire & Train
- Process & Policy
- Inspectorate
- Informatics (“Platform”)
- Regulatory Excellence
- Agency Alignment

GDUFA Hiring: GDUFA Goal Met

Hiring Progress by Fiscal Year



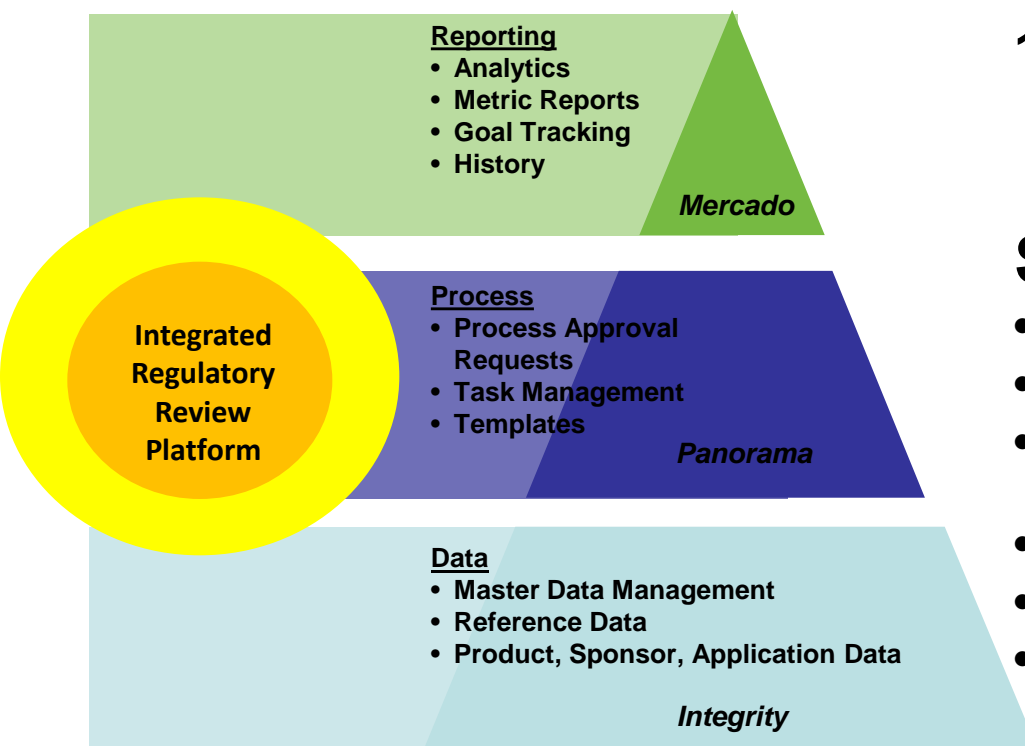
Hiring by Center/Office



All data through Nov. 19, 2014

EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENTS

Enhanced IT Systems & Technology



1st major release October 2014

SUPPORT OF:

- Original ANDA
- Supplemental ANDA
- Controlled Correspondence (related to generic drug development)
- Facility Inspection Management
- User fee checks
- Legacy data/applications

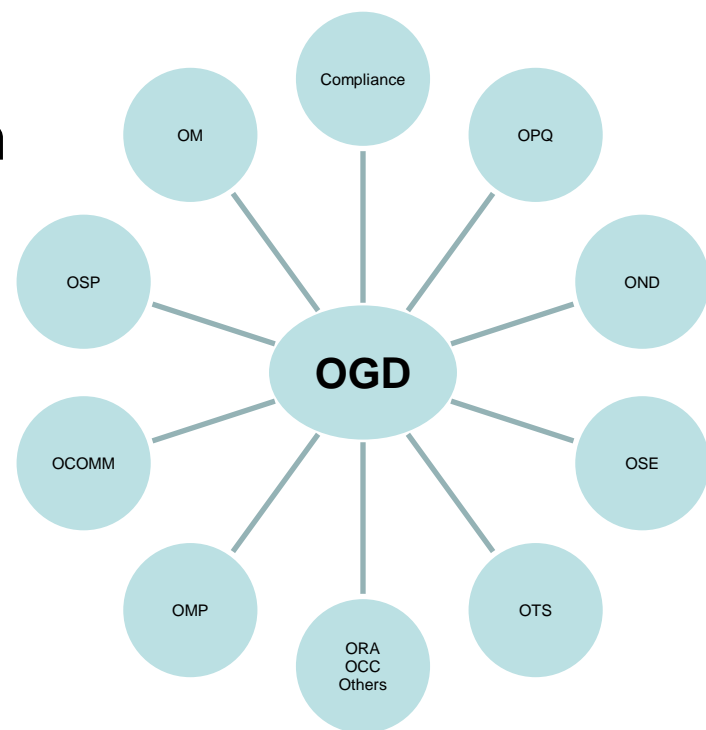
REGULATORY EXCELLENCE

- Build OGD Office of Policy
- Providing clarity on Agency expectations, esp. per GDUFA
- Industry should expect to see **MORE**.....
- **GDUFA Specific Guidances:**
 - Refuse to Receive (RTR)
 - Format and Content of ANDA submissions*
 - Amendments & ECDs (Tier submissions)*
 - Prior Approval Supplements*
 - Controlled Correspondence*
- **GDUFA Specific MAPPs:**
 - ANDA Prioritization Policy*
 - Prioritization Governance*
 - Communication with Industry* (under revision)

* These guidances and MaPPs are not required under GDUFA

AGENCY ALIGNMENT

- GDUFA Review Implementation Team
- Generic Drug Review Platform
- GDUFA Steering Committee
- CDER Lifecycle Management Board
- GDUFA Command Center
- FDA Program Alignment Group (PAG)

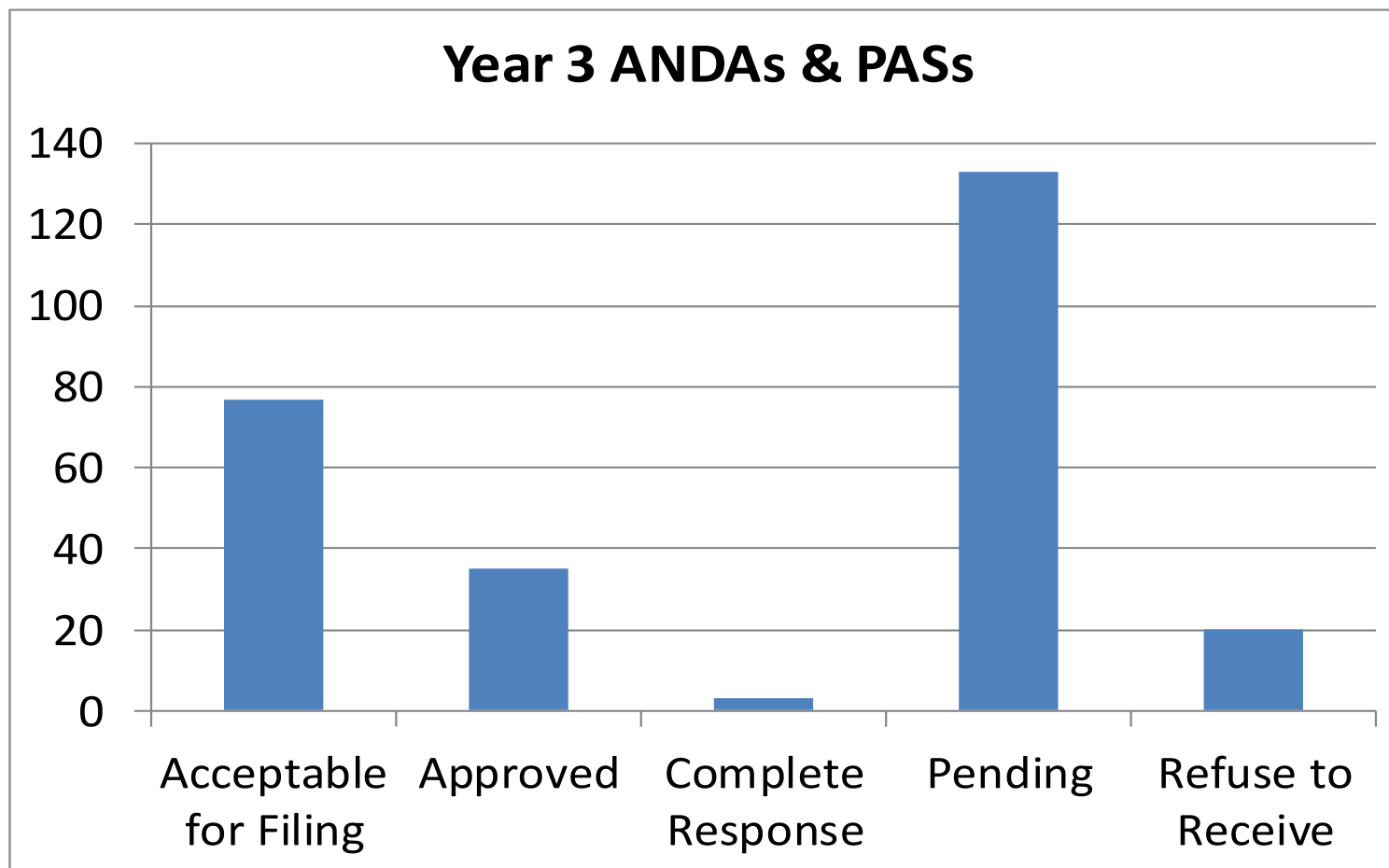


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CURRENT STATE for GDUFA Year 3 Submissions **....Seeing Benefits of GDUFA**

- FY2015 submissions & communications
 - Responses to controls
 - **217**
 - “Accepted for filing” notifications
 - **77** (average time <30 days)
 - PASs – approved (ahead of GDUFA goal date)
 - **35**
 - Scientific review disciplines picking up Year 3 ANDAs, real time communications will occur



(Data from Platform, 10/1/14-2/2/15)

YEAR 3 “Controls”

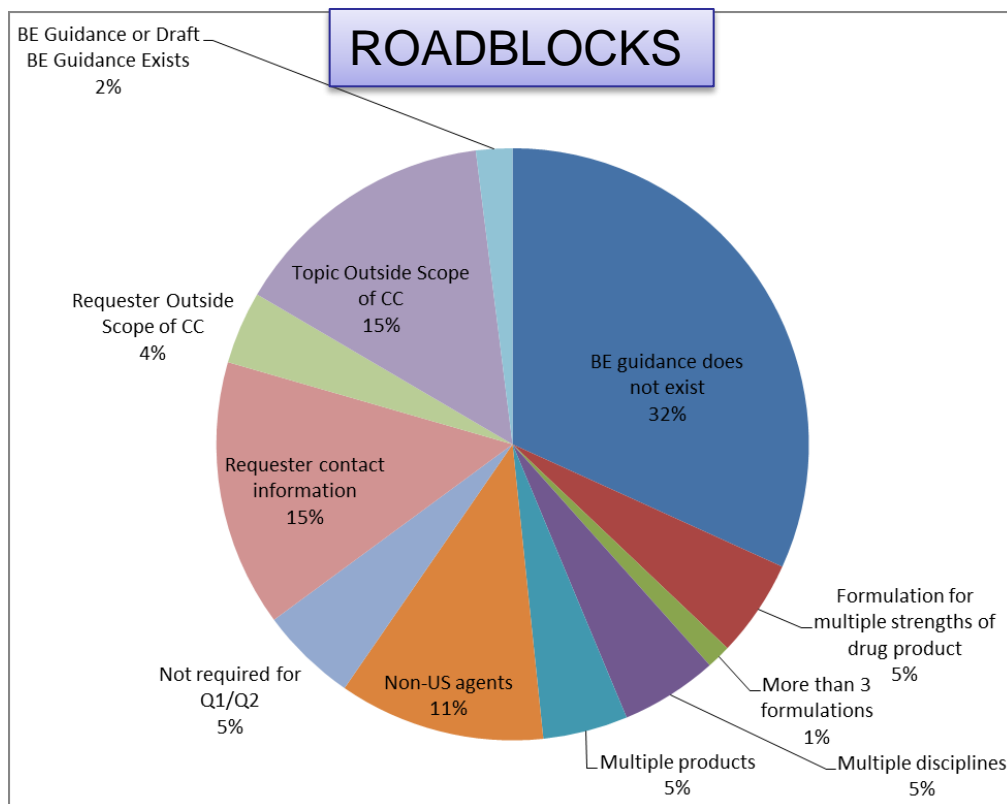
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Controls Workload Summary by Fiscal Month



CONTROLS in YEAR 3

Controls received through 1/15/15



Roadblocks to Expedient Response

- Formulation for multiple strengths
- More than 3 formulations
- Multiple disciplines
- Multiple products
- Non-US agents
- Not required for Q1/Q2
- Requester contact info
- Requester outside of scope
- Topic outside of scope
- BE guidance exists

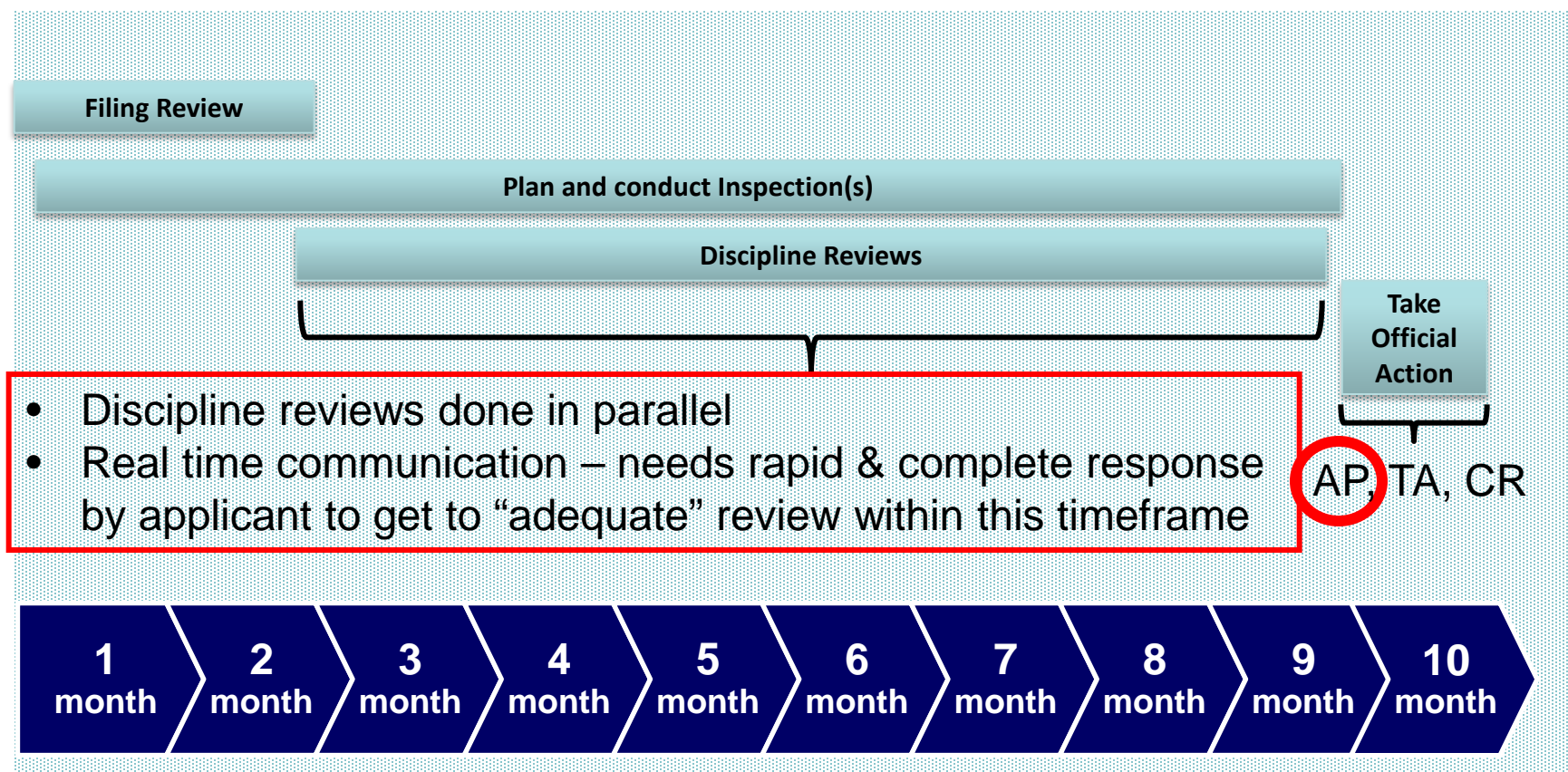
SEE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON CONTROLS WRT GDUFA-

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM411478.pdf>

Top reasons for RTR in Year 3

- Fees (inadequate, improper)
- Inadequate Stability
- Inadequate Dissolution
- Inadequate BE studies or failed studies only
- Inadequate response
 - MISSED timeframe - No response to minor deficiency communication within prescribed time frame
 - Incomplete deficiency response

UNDER GDUFA.... ANDA review process*



*for Year 4 or 5 original ANDA

YEAR 3 original ANDAs

Industry should expect to see MORE:

1. More communication on ANDAs

- “Information requests” (IRs)
- More requests (RTC, IR, ECDs, etc.) with strict timeframes & need for quick and complete responses to the Agency
 - During Filing Review
 - During Discipline Reviews
- More communication with RPMs

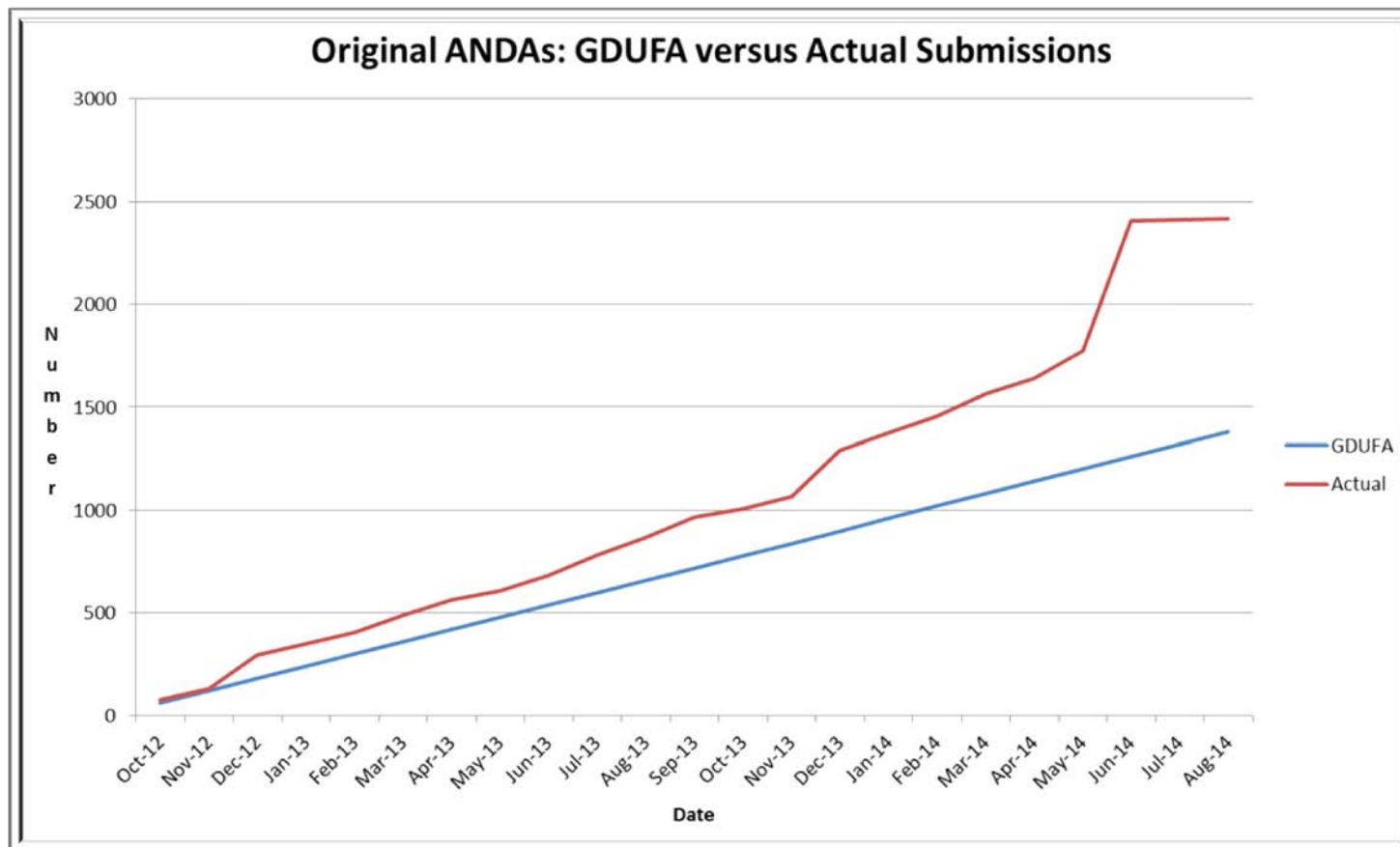
2. Probably more RTRs



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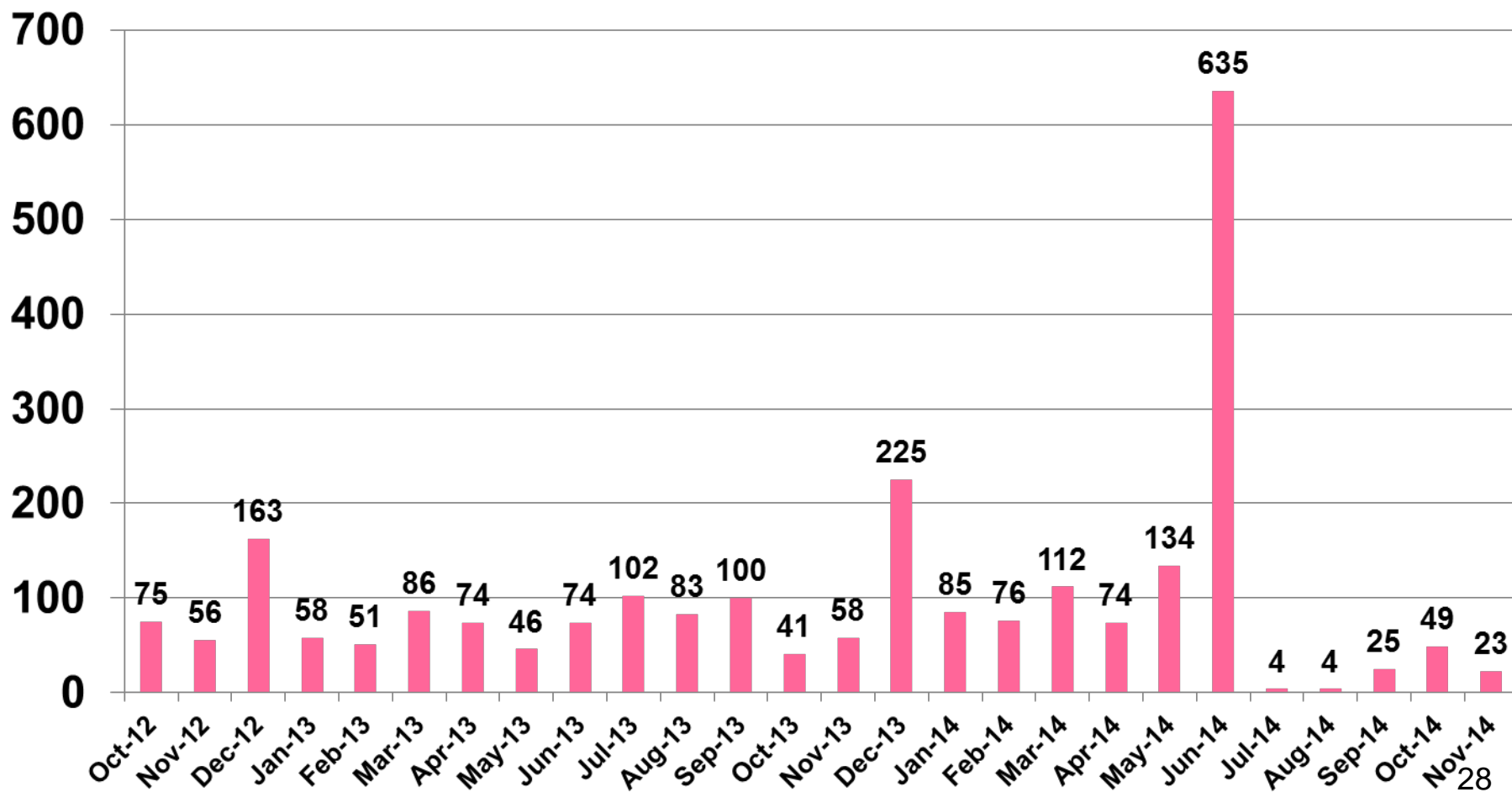
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More ANDAs submitted than GDUFA Predicted





ANDA Receipts



PRE-YEAR 3 WORKLOAD

- GDUFA Backlog
 - 2866 original ANDAs
- Year 1 and Year 2 ANDA submissions
 - Year 1 (FY13) = 968
 - Year 2 (FY14) = 1473
- With FDA = ~3,300
- With Industry = ~700
- **TOTAL = ~4,000 ANDAs “pending”**



FDASIA requires reporting
time pending with both
FDA & industry



GDUFA BACKLOG

- 2866 original ANDAs
 - 1873 PAS supplements
- GOAL:** 90% get first ACTION by end of GDUFA YR 5 (9/30/2017)

First Actions 10/1/2012 to 9/26/2014:

| | Original | PAS | Total |
|----------------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Number with First Action** | 1707 | 1362 | 3069 |
| % Complete | 60% | 73% | 65% |
| AP | 447 | 779 | 1226 |
| TA | 105 | 3 | 108 |
| CR with inspection | 953 | 408 | 1361 |
| RTR | 70 | 2 | 72 |
| WD | 132 | 170 | 302 |

** Numbers are based on current data and will be further scrubbed for formal reporting purposes.



APPROVALS & ACTIONS

PRE-GDUFA

GDUFA

| | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014* |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| ANDA approvals | 517 | 440 | 409 |
| PAS approvals | 275 | 535 | 659 |
| Tentative Approval (TA) | 102 | 95 | 91 |
| Complete Response (CR) (w/ and w/o inspection) | 84 | 1251 | 1254 |
| TOTAL ACTIONS ** | 978 | 2226 | 2413 |
| TOTAL APPROVALS (minus CR)** | 894 | 1070 | 1159 |
| DMF Completeness Assessment (CA) | 0 | 1699 | 1775 |

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** FDA will aspire to the extent possible to maintain levels of productivity at least similar to pre-GDUFA levels, while hiring and training incremental staff necessary to achieve the program performance goals, building necessary systems and implementing outlined program changes in years 1 and 2 of the program (GDUFA Commitment Letter, page 3)

PRE-YEAR 3 WORKLOAD

- Improve not only communications, but also performance
- Goals:
 - “Move the freight”
 - Focus on approvals, not just actions
 - Need to get applications to an approvable state
 - Don’t let big first generics slip through the cracks
- Do all this while meeting GDUFA goals on all Year 3 applications

TARGET ACTION DATES (TADs)

The Holistic View

- TAD is an internal FDA deadline for action on an Application
 - ANDAs only
 - Not for pending PASs or controls
 - Not amendments; Not discipline specific reviews
 - Action = AP, TA, or CR
- TAD is not a GDUFA goal date
- TADs are not required by GDUFA
 - Not a reported metric

PRE-YEAR 3 WORKLOAD

Assigning Target Action Dates (TAD)

“A Work in Progress”

- Assign Target Action Dates (TADs) to all pre-Year 3 applications (Not all at once, and with caveats)
 - To manage inventory and synchronize review work
 - Allows all review/inspection activities to align
 - First done internally to check out system, now roll out externally
- Base TADs on workload management factors
 - Exception: For big first generics, assign TADs to roughly correspond with expiry/earliest possible date FDA could approve ANDA



Target Action Dates (TAD)

“A Work in Progress”

Start notifying applicants

- Communication tool being finalized
- Not all TADs will be assigned all at once
- In 1st QTR CY2015, ~1,000 assigned
 - Commitment to notify industry by end of March 2015
- TADs will be March to September 2015
- Again, for big first generics, will receive TADs to roughly correspond with patent expiry/earliest possible date FDA could approve ANDA
- “Peel the onion” – layer by layer approach



TADs IMPLEMENTATION

- NO Guidance or MAPP
- One TAD per ANDA; TADs are fixed
- Cannot exchange one ANDA TAD for another
 - Workload factors are used to assign TAD and predict potential approval
- We may miss a TAD if we can get an ANDA to approval in a short amount of time
 - Easy information exchange with applicant
 - Reduces number of review cycles

“Communications” Next Steps

- Iterative, “real-time communications” (RTC) re: deficiencies in current review cycle
- Update “Communications with Industry MAPP” to formalize and clarify changes
- “Launch planning updates” for big first generics “x” and “y” months before TAD
 - Would be akin to a “Pre-Action Notification”
 - Communication “how to” still being worked on
 - Again, work in progress

COMMUNICATION & PARTNERSHIP

- FDA - GPhA Board of Directors
Quarterly meetings

<http://www.fda.gov/drugs/developmentapprovalprocess/howdrugsaredevelopedandapproved/approvalapplications/abbreviatednewdrugapplicationandagenerics/ucm370616.htm>

- Frequent conversations
- Lots of interaction, feedback
- Weekly t-cons, if not more frequently



FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

A Rosy Future



1. Increased review capacity--more throughput
2. 1st generics prioritized
3. Review and inspections coordinated
4. More Communication
5. Approvals
6. While meeting all Year 3, 4, & 5 Goals

PROMISE OF GENERIC DRUGS

- Improve Public Health by ensuring access to more affordable medicines
- Assure high quality generic medicines
- Maintain public trust and confidence by payers, providers and patients



FDA & CDER take pride in its strong track record of fulfilling user fee commitments





THANK YOU!